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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12/22/2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 3-6, 8, 10-13, 15, 17-20, 22 and 23 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 3-6, 8, 10-13, 15, 17-20 and 22-23 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1, 3-6, 8, 10-13, 15, 17-20 and 22-23 are presented for examination.
2. The text of those sections of Title 35, USC code not included in this action can be found in the prior Office Action.

35 U.S. 102 Rejection

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

3. Examiner note: The following 102(a) rejection is based on a broad interpretation on the term "PDP connection", which is being construed as a connection using any packet-switched communication protocol.
4. Claims 1, 8, 15 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being clearly anticipated by notebook users of this country who subscribe or register a plurality of electronic mailboxes from popular web sites such as Yahoo.com and MSN.com by using wireless connection (e.g., via a wireless home network or Bluetooth) to access emails from each mailbox because the invention was known and routinely practiced by them [see the attached Exhibit-A].

5. As to claims 1, 8, 15 and 23, it has been well known before Applicant's invention was made that one can launch two browser instances (e.g., by clicking on the same browser icon twice) to create two browser windows displaying side-by-side on the same display system and login to a mailbox from each browser window via a respective server. The connections between the browser instances and the mailboxes are characterized as packet data protocol (PDP) using, for example, TCP or other equivalence, wherein the wireless-enabled notebook computer comprises a control unit [e.g., the CPU executing the browser and/or the email application program] for controlling said remote mailboxes simultaneously with the first and second PDP connections, and wherein the first and second PDP connection are simultaneously maintained [see paragraph 15 of Applicant's specification for description of the simultaneity: "to use several remote mailboxes simultaneously in such a manner that different remote mailboxes are not, however, mixed with each other"].

35 U.S. 103 Rejection

6. Claims 1, 3-6, 8, 10-13, 15, 17-20 and 22-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lager et al.(hereafter "Lager") [U.S. Pat. No. 6636502] in view of Official Notice.

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7. As to claim 1, Lager teaches the invention substantially as claimed including: a system for controlling at least two remote mailboxes, located in at least two e-mail servers [Abstract; col. 19 lines 21-31 and 45-58] comprising:

at least a first connection of a packet data system between a wireless terminal and an e-mail server maintaining a first remote mailbox [e.g., an AOL mailbox may be connected by logging into an AOL account via an AOL server maintaining the associated mailbox], and a second connection of the packet data system between the wireless terminal and another e-mail server maintaining a second remote mailbox [e.g., a CompuServe mailbox may be connected by logging into a CompuServe account via a CompuServe server maintaining the associated mailbox], wherein the first and second connections are maintained [col.19, lines 45-58; note that it is inherent that ISP providers such as AOL and CompuServe provide mailboxes for each of their subscribers and it is a user's choice to use a first and second PDP connections to login two different ISP providers].

Lager does not specifically teach that said wireless terminal comprising a control unit for controlling and maintaining said remote mailboxes with the first and second connections.

However, Official Notice is taken that it is well known that a network user may launch two browser instances (e.g., by clicking on the same browser icon twice) to create two browser windows displaying side-by-side on the same display system and login to two mailboxes from each browser window via a respective mailbox server.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in art at the time the invention was made to create two browser instances on the user's wireless terminal to simultaneously displaying two or more mailboxes based on Lager's PDN1 and PDN2 connections because it is a user's choice to launch more than one browser instances, each connecting to a mailbox owned by the same user for purpose of simultaneously displaying its content.

8. As to claim 3, Lager further teaches that an e-mail program [e.g., a browser] is arranged to be used for controlling said remote mailboxes, which e-mail program is provided with the capability to control several remote mailboxes substantially simultaneously, and in which each remote mailbox is provided with a unique identification [e.g., col.19, lines 21-31; note that it is well known that subscribers of the AOL and CompuServe are provided with individual mailboxes associated with their accounts].

9. As to claim 4, Lager further teaches that a notification of an e-mail message that has arrived in one of said remote mailboxes is arranged to be produced for the user, wherein in that said notification is arranged to be provided with a unique identification of that remote mailbox to which the e-mail message has arrived [e.g., col. 19, lines 21-24; note that the PDP type parameter serves as a unique identifier for the information coming from different sources (e.g., 100=AOL; 101= CompuServe)].

10. As to claims 5-6, by Official Notice it is further submitted that a browser user has access to e-mail program (provided by the service provider) with the capability to formulate and send e-mail messages, wherein the e-mail address of the user is automatically attached to the e-mail message [note that this is an inherent function of the email program].

11. As to claims 8, 10-13, 15, 17-20 and 22-23, since the features of these claims can also be found in claims 1 and 3-6, they are rejected for the same reasons set forth in the rejection of claims 1 and 3-6 above.

12. Applicant's arguments filed on Dec. 22, 2006 for claims 1, 3-6, 8, 10-13, 15, 17-20 and 22-23 have been respectfully considered but are moot in view of the new ground of rejection.

13. A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

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Conclusion

Examiner note: Examiner has cited particular columns and line numbers in the references as applied to the claims above for the convenience of the applicant.

Although the specified citations are representative of the teachings of the art and are applied to the specific limitations within the individual claim, other passages and figures may apply as well. It is respectfully requested from the applicant in preparing responses, to fully consider the references in entirety as potentially teaching all or part of the claimed invention, as well as the context of the passage as taught by the prior art or disclosed by the Examiner.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Wen-Tai Lin whose telephone number is (571)272-3969. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (8:00-5:00) .

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Follansbee can be reached on (571)272-3964. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are as follows:

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